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LOVING DAD ON MISSION TO SPREAD SEPSIS MESSAGE AFTER DAUGHTER'S DEATH

One simple question may have saved Maddy Jones life and once you have heard Damian Jones speak about his beloved daughter, you will never forget the word Sepsis again.

The devoted dad and founder of the Maddy Jones Foundation for Sepsis Prevention, visited Redland Hospital last week to share Maddy's story with Emergency Department staff and shine a light on the often life-threatening condition.

Damien said Maddy was only 18-years-old when she died of Sepsis in October 2017 after falling ill with flu-like symptoms.

"Maddy was an Honours Law student, beautiful, independent, excelled at tennis and coached kids.

"She was funny, loved animals, was a high achiever and she was my daughter."

Damien said Maddy passed away 10 days after being admitted to the Intensive Care Unit, only five days after initially feeling unwell.

"She was given a 10 per cent chance of surviving," he said.

"Everything stops. For 10 days we watched her in ICU, her hands and feet went black and we were told if she survived would be a quad-amputee."

Damian said time was of the essence with Sepsis and that in many cases, was totally preventable.

"Maddy had sore muscles, shortness of breath, temperatures, she was very pale and confused. She was not her normal self.

"Someone in the world dies every four seconds from Sepsis, and more people in Australia than the national road toll or from breast cancer yet most people haven't heard of it and lives and families are shattered.

"We are using the foundation to tell people our story, to talk about Sepsis, educate the public and remind medical professionals that when parents come to an ED with their child, they are concerned - that what parents tell you about their child is incredibly important.

"It could be as simple as asking could this be Sepsis?"

ED Clinical Facilitator Jessica Hulme said Damian's message was an important one when it came to improving patient care, improving outcomes for patients, preventing harm and ultimately reducing the rate of mortality and morbidity.

She said a new screening pathway would help capture at risk patients earlier, to consider parental concern and multiple presentations and to ensure staff spent the time to screen the patient.

Director Paediatrics Dr Dougie Thomas said Damian's visit was also vital as it grounded staff and was a reminder as to why the pathway was established.

For more information, visit MaddyJonesFoundation.com.au

Our DIGITAL HEALTH Service
Metro South Health

Device Cleaning Guide

- WOWs
- VSMs
- CTGs
- Bedside Monitors

It is the responsibility of every clinician to clean integrated devices and shared patient equipment after every use.

Key points to comply with Infection Control procedures:

- WOWs to remain outside the room of a patient with MRO to reduce potential contamination.
- Hand hygiene after cleaning is recommended to prevent cross contamination.
- All devices to remain clear of staff personal items and belongings.
- Use wipes to clean all WOW surfaces, keyboards and mice. Gloves aren't required to handle the wipes.

Digital TOP 4!

ONE - Device Cleaning

It is the responsibility of every clinician to clean devices after every use and ensure they remain clear of personal items and belongings. Please do not decorate devices or medical equipment. Refer to device cleaning guidelines for more information.

https://metrosouthdigital.health.qld.gov.au/system/files/resources/Cleaning_of_Shared_Patient_Equipment_v2.0.pdf

TWO - Maternity Documentation

Remember!

Perform Hand Hygiene in accordance with the 5 Movements for Hand Hygiene (before and after touching a device)

Digital Hospital Adoption Services 3176 8800



To ensure safe communication of care between clinicians, information relating to the antenatal care plan will be documented in a single Obstetric Management Plan note for the duration of the pregnancy. For assistance locating the maternity documentation including Obstetric View documentation, please refer to QRG: Documentation: Locating Maternity

Documentation <https://metrosouthdigital.health.qld.gov.au/system/files/resources/qrg-documentation-locating-maternity-documentation.pdf>

THREE - Looking for Next of Kin (NOK) Details?

Please refer to HBCIS as the source of truth for patient NOK details.

FOUR - Does your Patient require pathology?

The pathology requisition form must be printed for all specimens to be collected at Redland Hospital Pathology or by an external provider. The requisition form is to be presented by the patient at the time of collection and ensures pathology orders can be located and collected in the correct patient episode. Refer to Orders: Pathology – Outpatient and Discharge Orders QRG <https://metrosouthdigital.health.qld.gov.au/system/files/resources/qrg-orders-path-outpatient-discharge%20%281%29.pdf>

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Volunteers Report

Michelle Hall, Volunteer Coordinator

"In celebration of this years' Volunteer Week I would like to report on our current Volunteer Services Program here at Redland Hospital and soon to commence again at GunduPa.

Data shows that from March 2018- 2019, 100 volunteers have contributed 170,740 hours of work here at Redland Hospital. These active volunteers of our community are enthusiastic and generous people supporting the many areas across our facility.



Chaplaincy – Coordinated by Peter and Margaret Mc Ferran;

Hospital Auxiliary Inc - Thanks to the management of the Koala Kiosk by current executive members Jeanette Sitcheff (President), Sue Freilich (Vice-President), Pat Bottin (Treasurer) and Diane Cox (Secretary), the team has raised \$63,116 from March 2018-March 2019 with all proceeds going to the purchase of hospital equipment and other items for patients.

Other work areas include Meeting and Greeting (Wayfinding), the labelling of identified pathology tubes, preparation and refilling of disposable store items for Emergency, preparation of patient information packs, bulk mail, rolling up of theatre gowns and our Patient Visiting Program.

The volunteers are happy and keen to support our community of patients, families and staff. They share a commitment to make life a little easier for all our community by working together as a team.

Please find a display in our Main Foyer during Volunteers Week 20-26 May and feel free to put a note in the feedback box to our volunteers.

We would be happy to receive any comments or ideas or just an acknowledgement from a fellow community member on how their work efforts make a difference for our hospital community."

THE R-FACTOR

REDLAND HAVE YOU GOT TALENT?

The R-Factor

Redland have you got talent?

This year to celebrate *International Nurse's Day*, Redland Hospital will be showcasing a Talent Show.

Wards, units and departments are encouraged to submit a 5-minute act, song, comedy skit or any other special talent you may have to perform.

When: **Monday, 13 May 2019**

Time: **1.30pm - 3.00pm**

Where: **Conference Rooms 1 & 2**

Judges will include Bayside Executive members and there will be a prize for the winning team.

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